

REMARKS

The subject application includes pending claims 1-11 and 22-25, which stand rejected under the Final Office Action mailed December 13, 2004. In the present Amendments Accompanying a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, applicants have canceled claims 1-11 and 22-25 and added new claims 26-41. Applicants respectfully submit that the new claims presented herein are fully supported by the application as originally filed.

In new independent claim 26, the method comprises mixing a soy protein product mixture and water to form a hydrated mixture. The soy protein product mixture comprises one or more acidic phosphates and a soy protein product, and is further limited wherein the soy protein product is at least one of soy protein isolates, soy protein concentrates, and soy flour.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully asserts that the claims of the present application, as amended herein, are directed to patentable subject matter. Applicant respectfully requests issuance of a Notice of Allowance at an early date. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that the instant application is in condition for disposition other than allowance, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below so that those concerns may be addressed.

Respectfully submitted,

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